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**Optical data medium containing, in the information layer,
a phthalocyanine dye as a light-absorbing compound**

the specification of which is attached hereto,

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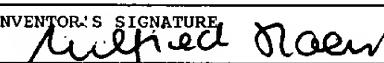
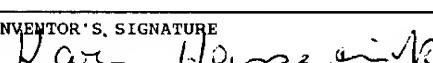
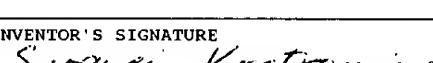
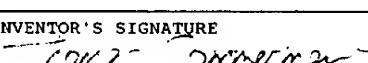
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